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Senate immigration bills fail; 'Dreamers' in limbo

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WASHINGTON

The Republican-led Senate on Thursday blocked both President Donald Trump's immigration plan and a bipartisan alternative, a failure that cast doubt on whether Congress will ever resolve the fate of hundreds of thousands of young undocumented immigrants.

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In a series of afternoon votes, senators failed to muster enough votes for a Republican plan backed by Trump that would have granted legal status to 1.8 million young immigrants and spent at least $25 billion to bolster security along the U.S.-Mexico border. It also would have made changes to family-based legal migration programs and ended a diversity lottery system used by immigrants from smaller countries.

The vote was 39-60, well short of the 60 needed to move ahead.

The Senate also couldn't produce enough votes for a bipartisan plan that would legalize the same number of undocumented immigrants and appropriate $25 billion for southern border security construction projects over the next decade – not immediately, as Trump wants. The bill also would have curbed family-based immigration programs, but not to the extent Trump is seeking, and it said nothing about the diversity visa lottery program.

The vote was 54-45, short of the 60 necessary to move ahead.

The White House threatened a veto of that plan and in a tweet shortly before the vote, Trump called it a "total catastrophe."

The failed votes could plunge the nation's immigration system into further crisis, as millions of so-called Dreamers are set to lose legal protections when the

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Sheriff's report: Suspect confessed to killing students

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Students attend a prayer service at Parkridge Church in Coral Springs, Fla., a day after a mass shooting at nearby Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Authorities on Thursday charged 19-year-old suspect Nikolas Cruz with 17 counts of premeditated murder.

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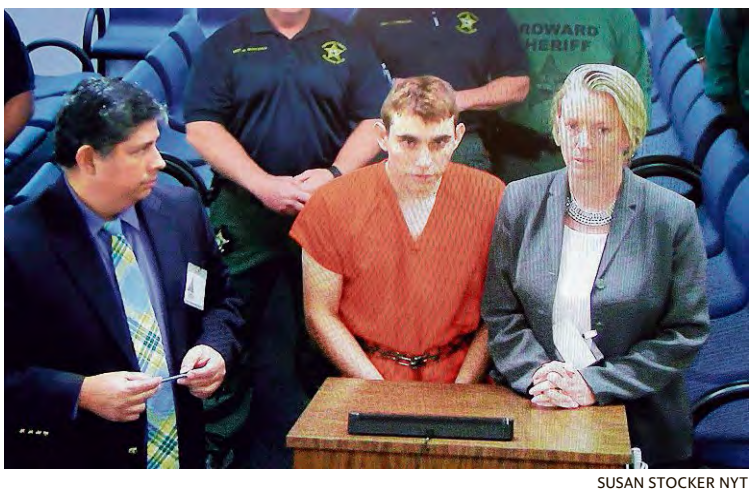
PARKLAND, FLA.

The teenager accused of using a semi-automatic rifle to kill 17 people at a Florida high school confessed to carrying out one of the nation's deadliest school shootings and concealing extra ammunition in his backpack, according to a sheriff's department report.

The report from the Broward County Sheriff's Office says Nikolas Cruz told investigators that he shot students in the hallways and on the grounds of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, one of Florida's largest schools, with an enrollment of 3,000.

Cruz told officers he brought more loaded magazines to the school and kept them hidden in the backpack until he got on campus.

As students began to flee, he said, he decided to discard his AR-15 rifle and a vest he was wearing so he could blend in with the crowd. Police recovered the rifle and the vest.



SUSAN STOCKER NYT

Nikolas Cruz, the suspected gunman in Wednesday's deadly school shooting, appears in court Thursday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., via video conference.

A day after the attack, a fuller portrait emerged of the suspect, a loner who had worked at a dollar store, trained with a white nationalist paramilitary group and posted photos of weapons on Instagram. At least one student said classmates joked that Cruz would "be the one to shoot up the school."

Cruz, a 19-year-old orphan whose mother died last year, was charged with murder Thursday in the attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in this sleepy community on the edge of the Everglades. It was the nation's deadliest school attack since a gunman assaulted an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, more than five years ago.

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Students struggled to describe the violence that ripped through their classrooms on an ordinary day just before classes were to be dismissed.

Catarina Linden, a 16-year-old sophomore, said she was in an advanced math class Wednesday when the gunfire began.

"He shot the girl next to me," she said, adding that when she finally was able to leave the classroom, the air was foggy with gun smoke. "I stepped on so many shell casings. There were bodies on the ground, and there was blood everywhere."

Among the dead: a football coach who also worked as a secu-

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